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<u>RESPONSE</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2008, please consider the remarks contained on the following pages. Accordingly with a three-month extension of time, this response is being timely filed before the March 5, 2009 deadline.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.